

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's attention to the above referenced application. Claims 8-14 were rejected. Claims 1-7 and 15-21 were allowed. Claim 8 has been amended. Claims 1-21 are now pending, of which claims 1, 8, and 15 are independent.

35 USC § 101 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 8-14 were rejected under 35 USC § 101 because the claimed invention was indicated to be directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants have amended independent claim 8 and believe that claims 8-14 are now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that claim 8 and the respective dependent claims 9-14 be allowed to pass to issuance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that Claims 1-7 and 15-21 are directed to allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the remarks and amendments set forth above. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (480) 715-3681. Please charge any shortage of fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-0221 and please credit any excess fees to such account.

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